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General Comment

The attached statement developed and supported by a broad consortium of 57 Senior Chesapeake Bay scientists, policy makers, and Bay advocates urges the EPA to stay on target for the end of the year deadline or the completion of TMDLs and for state submissions of finalized Phase I WIPs by November 29, 2010. The state's should be required to submit comprehensive WIPs that fully meet the requirement for reasonable assurances that the TMDLs will be met in a timely fashion and the EPA's preliminary review of these draft WIPs has found that do not.

We are submitting 25 bold new measures EPA should require in the WIPs and act on itself to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

We submit these recommendations to you as a game plan for Bay restoration in the hope that you will require these measures in the states' Watershed Implementation Plans under the TMDLs being set.

This remarkable group of 57 Bay leaders from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania unanimously agreed on the bold steps that must be taken to stop the continued degradation of the Bay. New budgetary, legislative, and regulatory actions by the EPA and the states are called for especially for nonpoint sources of Bay-choking nutrients and sediment from the major source of Bay pollution, agriculture, and from abusive land development. Without such aggressive actions in nutrient and sediment loading from agriculture and development the Bay is doomed.

We are concerned over the failure of the 26 year old voluntary, collaborative approach under the EPA Bay Program and the repeated failure of the states, the Bay Program, and the EPA to meet deadlines for pollution reduction goals.

Gerald W. Winegrad, Chair

Attachments

